

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Jim Hranica et al.

Serial No.: 10/612,755

Art Unit: N/A

Filed: July 3, 2003

Confirmation No.: N/A

Title: A METHOD OF SUPPLYING WORKPIECES TO
WORKSTATIONS USING AN AUTOLOADER

Examiner: N/A

Docket No.: HON-14852

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir/Madam:

In accordance with Rule 56, applicants are aware of the publications listed in the enclosed copy of Patent Office Form PTO/SB/08A. A copy of each of the publications is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

RANKIN, HILL, PORTER & CLARK LLP

By 
David E. Spaw Reg. No. 34732

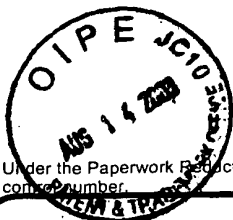
700 Huntington Building
925 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115-1405
(216) 566-9700
Customer No. 0027504

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date indicated below.


Signature of Person Mailing Paper

8/12/03
Date

David E. Spaw
Printed Name of Person Mailing Paper



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

PTO/SB/08A (10-01)
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/612,755
Filing Date	July 3, 2003
First Named Inventor	Jim Hranica
Art Unit	N/A
Examiner Name	N/A
Attorney Docket Number	HON-14852

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number - Kind Code ² (if known)			
		US- 5,202,836	04-13-1993	Iida et al.	
		US- 5,270,627	12-14-1993	Rehse	
		US- 5,524,748	06-11-1996	McTaggart	
		US- 5,946,790	09-07-1999	Graham et al.	
		US- 5,966,307	10-12-1999	Lin	
		US- 5,971,130	10-26-1999	Nakamura	
		US- 6,205,761	03-27-2001	Wassenhoven et al.	
		US- 6,324,749	12-04-2001	Katsuura et al.	
		US- 6,502,294	01-07-2003	Kusmierczyk et al.	
		US- 6,564,440	05-20-2003	Oldford et al.	
		US- 6,580,971	06-17-2003	Bunn et al.	
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				

Examiner
Signature

Date
Considered

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.